Imported bulk drugs outside price control

1583. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the formulations based on imported bulk drugs are outside price control;

(b) if so, what are the names of formulations whose sales turn over is more than Rupees Fifty lacs per annum;

(c) what were the recommendations of Hathi Committee on formulations based on bulk drugs; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Price control on formulations based on bulk drugs, whether imported or otherwise is in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1987. Presently about 70 per cent of the production of the Drug Industry is under price control.

(b) Sales turnover of formulations are not monitored.

(c) and (d) Hathi Committee was of the view that in order to avoid continuous dependence on imported bulk drugs, efforts should be made to manufacture such drugs indigenously in a phased manner.

Constitution of Standing Committee

1584. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Standing Committee was constituted by Government to examine representations received against the findings of the Kelkar committee and also to remove anomalies in the findings of the Committee;

(b) whether the Standing Committee has submited its report;

(c) if so, when and who has been entrusted with the task of examining the report in the Ministry; and

(d) when the findings of the Standing Committee Working Groups and the decisions of the Government would be intimated to the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Yes; Sir.

(c) The same is under examination of the Government.

(d) It will be possible only after Government takes decision on the recommendations.

Drawal of LTC by the Central Government Employees

1585. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state::

(a) whether the Central Government Employees travelling in the buses of Garhwal Motor Owners Union Limited/Kumaon Motor Owners Union Limited|Tehri Motor Owners Union Limited are entitled for the drawal of LTC; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of CCS (LTC) Rules, 1988, reimbursement for a journey or LTC is admissible if such a journey has been undertaken in a bus operated by Tourism Development Corporation in the Public Sector, State Transport Corporation and Transport Services run by other Government or Local bodies. Reimbursement of the fare is also admissible for journeys by the appropriate class of accommodation by a public trans-

port system with vehicles running between fixed points at regular intervals and charging fixed rates. Therefore LTC would be admissible in the case of journeys by buses belonging to the three organisations only if the above criteria are fulfilled.

Fishing in Indian waters by European Marine Companies

1586. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several European Marine Companies have shown interest for fishing in Indian waters as per the decision of the Union Government to allow their participation;

(b) if so the details of such European Marine Companies;

(c) whether any agreement/memorandum have been signed in this regard;

(d) if so the details thereof; and

(e) the benefit Government would get by such a step?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Three Indian companies submited proposals for joint ventures with three European companies for fishing in Indian waters. The names of these European companies are :—

(i) M|s Scan Fish Ltd., Denmark.

(ii) Chenanne Merceren Ballery of France.

(iii) All Union Fishing Coop. Association, Moscow, USSR.

(c) No agreement/memorandum has been signed by the Govt. in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) It is expected that on implementation of proposed projects European technology for fishing and processing would be acquired by the Indian companies. /The export of marine products from India is also likely to increase.

Liberalisation in Drug Sector

1587. SHRI R. S. NAIK:

CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the guise of liberalisation in the Drug sector multinationals are proposed to be helped;

(b) whether it is a fact that this would result in increase in overinvoicing, increased imports, hike in prices and more outgo of foreign exchange;

(c) what are the details of proposals being considered for liberalisation and by when final decision would be taken; and

(d) what are the names of the bulk drugs and formulations, price of which have been reduced during the last two years, year-wise extent of reduction in each case and how many of these have been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) The Drug Policy 1986, is under review. The review will take into consideration all related aspects. It would be premature to disclose the proposed modifications at this stage.

(d) Information to the extent available will be collected and laid on the table of the House.